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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The reply filed on 4/27/2001 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): **the added claims are misnumbered due to the duplicated claim 177** (the problem cannot be corrected by an examiner's amendment since there are so many corrections to be made on the dependency of every added claim (from claim 180 to 409). The applicant is suggested to submit another supplemental amendment to cancel claim 179 which has been renumbered by Rule 1.126, renumber the claims afterward, and correct the dependency of every of such claims). See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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